

#156 Put a strange curse on your character.

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Person 1: Hey, I think today's topic might be a bit touchy. Are you prepared?

Person 2: Yes, I am.

Person 1: Okay, what's your take on curses?

Person 2: Personally, I've always had this sense of unease; until now, I've never really dwelled on it, but there's something about my experiences that makes me wonder.

Person 1: Oh really! How do placebo effects influence someone's perception of being cursed?

Person 2: Since I was young, I've been told the story that my ancestors killed a baby due to a family feud, leading to a curse upon us. This is why, as the story goes, male descendants couldn't bear female children. I've observed that on my father's side, there are no female children except for me. I live with a disability, and there's been another tragic incident where a girl child died in an accident while I survived, struggling with every moment of life. So, there's a part of me that wonders if there's truth to the curse.

Person 1: That's troubling to hear. I'm sorry. Should we move on to the next question?

Person 2: Yes, let's.

Person 1: Can believing in a curse impact mental and physical well-being?

Person 2: Definitely. When faced with tough times, we often search for explanations, which can lead to believing in curses, affecting both our mental and physical health.

Person 1: How do placebo effects shape someone's perception of being cursed?

Person 2: Placebo effects can make us lean into superstitions to counteract the curse, seeing it as our fate. Seeking forgiveness and blessings can bring a sense of positivity in overcoming it.

Person 1: Yeah, your earlier responses were a bit alarming, but they make sense now. What cultural and societal factors contribute to belief in curses?

Person 2: It varies depending on the culture, with beliefs in black magic and curses being widespread. But I believe the power of words, as mentioned in the Bible, also influences these beliefs *"Word has the power of life and death"*.

Person 1: That's understandable. How has the curse affected your relationships with family and friends?

Person 2: This is the second curse that I somewhat believe in. When I got into a committed relationship, it seemed to affect someone dear to us who had a relationship. The very next year, our parents found out about our relationship, and then a series of disasters followed, which changed me significantly. During those tough times, I couldn't help but wonder if the hardships were due to her hurt feelings or perhaps even a curse we were facing.

Person 1: Let's move on to the next question. Have you noticed any changes in your overall happiness and satisfaction with life since believing in the curse?

Person 2: No, regardless of whether we believe in curses or fate, life continues as it should. While we might acknowledge curses, we don't let them control our happiness or satisfaction with life.